

Oct 28th, 2013

Committee: Testimony to the Public Safety and Economic Development Committee
Bill No. & Title: Bill 53 (2013) Open Data

Date, Time: Tuesday, Oct 29th, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

Place: City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

To: Chair Council Member Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair Council Member Kymberly Marcos Pine
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Economic Development:

Subject: **Support for Bill 53**

I am Forest A. Frizzell, Former Deputy Director for the Department of Information Technology at the City & County of Honolulu.

I strongly supports Bill 53 (2013), Relating to Open Data. This Bill is key to building a government that is open, transparent and poised for the 21st century. In addition to open data being a key element in open government and transparency, it is a fundamental building block for open innovation in a collaborative, citizen-facing environment. Websites like Data.gov, Data.Hawaii.Gov and Data.Honolulu.Gov are in place for public access and interaction. It is an opportunity for government to co-create the delivery of services with the community it serves. This process will also fuel economic development in the technology sector.

Bill 53 (2103) aligns the City & County of Honolulu with the State of Hawaii's recently passed Act 263 by extending open data principles to the municipal level.

An example of an application recently built by the community using C&C of Honolulu open data is DaBus, a mobile app that runs on iOS and Android smartphones that provides the user with locations of bus stops, bus routes and bus arrival times. Adopted by the City, DaBus has become the most popular mobile app in the City's roster of applications. Other examples of open data apps include AdoptaSiren, AdoptaStream, Crimemapper and the Honolulu Public Art Finder. The City and County of Honolulu was one of the first city governments to open a

With this bill we can codify open data in the C&C of Honolulu and join the State of Hawaii (Act 263) in realizing open data's full potential.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.
Sincerely,

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